

II. Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0065] of the specification as follows:

[0065] Fig. 9 illustrates ~~an example of the present invention~~ a system that utilizes a periodic timer. The periodic timer uses a total period, for example, of 60ms. The periodic timer is then decreased by a granularity until it reaches 0 according to a granularity. The decreasing periodic timer is shown in a first column 900. The scheduler takes action at various time points during the countdown. The actions of the scheduler are shown in the second column 910.